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Senate Bill 122

**FISCAL
NOTE**

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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; and

then to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §20-1-7a, relating to right of nonprohibited persons to carry firearms for self
 3 defense or defense of others in state parks and certain other areas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §20-1-7a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

**§20-1-7a. When firearms permitted to be carried in state parks, state forests,
 recreation areas in state wildlife management areas and on state trails.**

1 A person not under the age of twenty-one or not otherwise prohibited from possessing a
 2 firearm pursuant to section seven, article seven, chapter sixty-one of this code or by applicable
 3 federal law, may carry firearms for self defense, or defense of others, in state parks, state forests,
 4 recreation areas in state wildlife management areas and state trails under management of the
 5 Division of Natural Resources.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit nonprohibited persons to carry firearms for defense purposes in state parks and certain other lands and trails managed by the Division of Natural Resources.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.